

AT THE MERCY OF A HOSTILE FLEET.

Shameful State of New York's
Defences Exposed by
Officials.

U. S. Senate Investigating Committee See Our Deplorable
Condition.

SANDY HOOK DEFENCES WORTHLESS.

Forts Wadsworth and Schuyler and the
Sound Armaments in an Equally
Wretched Situation—Re-
port Immediate.

The committee appointed by resolution of the United States Senate to examine the coast defences have been in this city since last Friday night and concluded their labors yesterday morning. According to Chairman W. C. Squire, United States Senator from Washington, the report will show that the condition of the defences at New York is shameful and unworthy of the nation. The report will be sent to the Senate before Congress adjourns.

The committee consists of General Hawley, Senators Squire, of Washington, chairman; Proctor, of California, and Butler of North Carolina. General Hawley and Mr. Proctor, being familiar with the subject did not accompany Messrs Squire, White and Butler. In their stead were Senators Dubois, Tillman and Perkins, of the Naval Committee, and Senator Cannon of Utah, who were anxious to know how the city was protected, and Representative Wilson, of Idaho.

"The defences of New York Harbor," said Senator Squire, "are to-day better, as they should be, than at any other port in the United States, yet they are entirely below what is necessary to make any kind of defence against a foe. We went to Sandy Hook and examined the works there, the guns and the implements. It is not right to talk about the looseness we found in the defences all through, but at this time I believe it is the proper thing for the public to know just to what extent we need protection from an enemy. Congress has been derelict in the matter of the necessary appropriations and no pressure has been brought to bear upon it in this direction, so, as the time has come to take action, they should be awakened to the realization of the great danger that exists."

"In New York City alone we have four hundred millions of destructible property. What we need to properly defend New York is ninety-three high power, long range guns of eight, ten and twelve inches, and in addition to these we need 178 twelve-inch steel rifle mortars and twenty-five rapid fire guns. If the whole of the manufacturing facilities in the country were put to work now it would take at least three years to properly fortify New York. It would take at least several months to make the forgings for one gun, and the work has not yet been commenced."

"At Sandy Hook, we found," he went on, "but two twelve-inch guns ready to be fired, and these had no range finders and were lacking in details necessary to do effective work. There are no men left there, and if troops should be sent there they would not know what to do with these guns. The men who were there could not get up steam to show the committee the use and fall of these two guns. At Fort Wadsworth we found five eight-inch guns, none ready for use, and they will not be until some time in August. These are all the direct-fire guns in the lower bay. There are sixteen guns and a mortar battery at the Hook, but to get all the mortars and these guns in shape, if work were begun right away, at least a year would be required. At Fort Hamilton we found but one ten-inch gun, which was not mounted."

The committee spent Sunday in visiting the Long Island Sound and Hell Gate defences, saw Willits Point and made a careful study of things there.

There are five points to be defended in the vicinity, Senator Squire says, and these points do not include Fisher's Island. At Willits Point the committee found two ten-inch guns, which were not in place, and three three-inch guns, which were in the same condition.

The system of using torpedoes, he says, is almost useless, unless the torpedoes are protected by guns and searchlights, which are lacking. Fort Schuyler was also inspected yesterday by several of the committee. "It is disagreeable to tell the truth," added Senator Squire, "but the people have been slumbering too long. We have a good, although it is a small, navy. Ships cannot be at all points at the same time, and if they were, what would become of our commerce? Our ship yards need protection. We are desperately in need of strong land defences, such as a foreign navy does not encounter. Then we can afford to be independent, take a proud position and not be brought to our knees when the time for action comes."

WHY THE BERMUDA FAILED.

Members of the Expedition Report to President Palma, of the Junta.

President Tomas Estrada Palma, of the Cuban Junta, was visited yesterday afternoon by several of the Cubans who went on the steamer Bermuda on April 23 with arms and ammunition for the insurgents. The Bermuda was chased several hundred miles by two Spanish cruisers, and could not land her cargo.

Palma's visitors brought a list of the men who had been put off the Bermuda before the vessel was overhauled by the cruisers. There were thirty-four. Of these nine are believed to have been drowned while trying to get ashore in the small boats.

Francisco Leyte Vidal, who was in command of the expedition, is said to have returned to Philadelphia.

On the night that the Bermuda attempted to land her cargo she had nine boats out loaded. When the Spanish cruisers bore in sight the men made a wild scramble to get back to the vessel. Two of the boats capsized.

It was rumored yesterday that the Bermuda would prepare for another expedition. The members of the Junta refused to say anything on the subject.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 1.—British Consul Clapperton to-day revealed the registration papers of the filibustering steamer Bermuda, giving as his excuse that she was not owned by British subjects. The Bermuda will now be unable to leave port until she has the flag of some nation.

Barnett's Exhibit of Victoria took the gold medal at the Midwinter Fair, St. Louis.



Harold Hagedon, the Drowned Boy.

His body was found, partly buried in the mud of a creek on Staten Island, after he had failed to return to the Trinity Preparatory School, the principal of which had scolded him for being refractory. Wounds about the boy's head lead his friends to suspect he was murdered.

HE PLAYED TRUANT FOR THE LAST TIME.

Harold Hagedon's Body Found
Partly Buried in Bridge
Creek Mud.

Failed to Return to Trinity Preparatory School After Having
Been Scolded.

FRIENDS THINK HE WAS MURDERED.

He Was the Fourteen-Year-Old Son of a
Wealthy Woman on Staten Island.
Was a Little Wild, but
Not a Bad Boy.

The dead body of Harold Hagedon, a pupil of the Trinity Preparatory School, New Brighton, S. I., was found yesterday in Bridge Creek, Holland Hook, S. I. The residents of Staten Island are considerably excited over the lad's death, and opinion is pretty evenly divided as to whether it is a case of suicide or murder.

Hagedon was fourteen years old and a son of Mrs. Henry B. Hagedon, a wealthy woman living at No. 5 Tompkins avenue, New Brighton, and nephew of Charles T. Hagedon, the broker, of No. 89 Broad street, this city. He had run away from home several times during his life, but while he was considered something of a wild boy, he was not thought to be a bad one. One of his most intimate friends at the boarding school was young William Edison, son of the inventor.

Last Thursday Professor Hawkins, principal of the school, had occasion to reprimand the boy, who had been neglectful of some of his lessons. The boy answered in a sharp manner and Professor Hawkins ordered him to his room. At 8 o'clock in the afternoon Hagedon sent a request to Professor Hawkins for permission to go down to the village. It was granted on the condition that he would return not later than 5 o'clock. It is claimed that he remarked to some of the boys as he passed out that Professor Hawkins never saw him again. When nightfall came and he was still absent, word was sent to his mother, to ascertain if he had gone home.

When Saturday night came and he had not put in an appearance, Dr. Scates, of New Brighton, acting for the missing boy's mother, notified the police, and the boys at the school organized searching parties without avail.

Early yesterday morning a boatman rowing in Bridge Creek observed a tuft of hair protruding out of the water. He made an examination, and found a body standing upright in the mud. There was a scar over the left eye and another back of the left ear. The former was quite a severe one, and looked as if it had been inflicted with a blunt instrument. How the boy ever got into the position in which his body was found is a mystery. There is a high bank at the side of the creek at this point, and it is possible that he may have run down it rapidly and sprung forward. His school companions and others who have known him for years do not believe that he committed suicide.

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GUNBOAT FIRED ON BY A FILIBUSTER.

Spanish Warship Trying to Make
a Capture Gets a Warm
Reception.

The Plucky Steamer Is Unknown,
but Is Said to Resemble the
Noted Laurada.

COAST OF JAMAICA THE SCENE

She Was Headed Off While Attempting to
Enter a Port, but Made Good Her
Escape, Exchanging Shots as
She Ran.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 1.—An unknown steamer, resembling the Laurada, attempted to enter Port Antonio to-day, but was headed off by a Spanish gunboat. Shots were exchanged by the two vessels, and the steamer went seaward, using her guns as she ran from the warship.

Cubans Burn a Town.

Havana, June 1.—The entire town of Jamaica, near Havana, has been burned by the Cuban band, under command of the insurgent leader Castillo.

A party of rebels yesterday placed dynamite bombs upon the railway track near Sabana, in the Matanzas Province, which were exploded by a repair train containing a number of workmen. The train was completely wrecked. The engineer was killed and several workmen were injured.

A band of Cubans made an attack upon the town of Santiago de las Vegas, in the Province of Havana, to-day, but were repulsed.

The rebel bands under Amencio and Rodriguez entered the town of Puerto de la Cruz, south of the trocha, yesterday and set fire to the place, burning every building in the town.

A summary of yesterday's engagements show that the rebels lost fifteen wounded. The troops had three killed and six wounded.

The rebels have destroyed with dynamite a culvert near Bolondron, Province of Matanzas. The train sent to repair the damage was attacked by the rebels.

It is reported that rebel bands attacked the town of San Antonio de los Banos, but were repulsed.

LEE ON HIS WAY TO CUBA.

The New Consul-General Given a Warm
Reception at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., June 1.—General Fitzhugh Lee, Consul-General to Havana, arrived this evening and spent two hours in this city before embarking for Cuba. He was met at the depot by a committee of citizens, the Confederate Veterans and a detachment of the G. A. R. He dined at the residence of Rev. W. D. Hart.

While he was driving up the principal street he was lustily cheered. Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., and Thomas Alexander accompany the General to his post. Both will be attaches of the Consulate. The General feels no uneasiness about yellow fever and is in good spirits.

He intimated that it would not take him long to learn the truth of the official reports of the battles.

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Wedding of the Cuban Army
Sanitary Corps Volunteers To-Day.

Reception at Madison Square Garden to Follow the
Ceremony.

CONTEST FOR GEN. GOMEZ'S SWORD.

Fighting Bob Evans Leads the List of
Military and Naval Officers
Who May Receive the
Battle Machete.

Mrs. Lee Villard Hill, a cousin of Fitzhugh Lee, the Consul-General to Havana, has volunteered to go on the next expedition to Cuba as first nurse in the insurgent army's proposed sanitary corps. She has occupied a Red Cross tent at the fair in Madison Square Garden, where her beauty, her mission and her costume have attracted much attention.

She has been assisted at her little wall tent by Dr. Albert Sydney Angell, a young physician who graduated a few years ago from the University of Edinburgh.

Such an attachment has sprung up between the two good Samaritans—friends of long standing, but lovers now—that a quiet little marriage will take place at a church near the Garden to-day at 3 o'clock. The united pair will go at once to the fair and there hold a reception under a bower of roses. The Doctor will accompany his wife to Cuba.

The Journal's contest for the most popular military or naval officer, who is to receive a battle machete carried by General Maximino Gomez, continues full of interest. The vote now stands as follows:

Colonel F. V. Green	507
Captain Bob Evans	640
Captain Robert McLean	331
General Fitzhugh Lee	227
Adjutant-General McAlpin	166
General Howard Carroll	126
Lieutenant Harry C. Daryl	12
General Dan Sickles	70
Colonel Dan Appleton	60
General Nelson Miles	36
Captain Dick Leary	25
General George W. Meade	22
Captain Dyer Wilson	20
General Louis Fitzgerald	18
Captain Clayton	17
Lieutenant George M. Holden	16
Colonel W. H. Seward	15
P. McLeure	11
General Horace Porter	10
Colonel L. Walbaum	10
General W. D. Whipple	8
Captain Thurston	7
Colonel Chauncey	6
Major John O'Brien	6
Major Sloan	5
General Charles Fitzsimmons	5
General Roger	4
Lieutenant William Wright	4
Lieutenant Rob. S. Oliver	3
Major George W. Turner	3
Major Byrnes	3
Major Bennett H. Tobey	3
Major G. McCook	2
General J. C. Anderson	2
Lieutenant Fred F. Easton	2
Lieutenant J. C. Fremont	1
General Palmer	1
Colonel T. F. Lee	1
Captain Hendler	1
Lieutenant John Hendrich	1
Captain Higgins	1
J. F. Grant	1

On the Journal's Big Book of visitors to the fair these names were recorded yesterday:

Joseph Woods, Minnie Dreher, Martha Schumacher, Eleven Maso, Lillian Labberton, Norma

Mayer, Thomas J. Walsh, Sadie Carroll, Ulryses S. Fanco, Ida V. Woodland, Emma Burlington, S. de Mina, Kittie Ramfene, Ethel Gerahy, Edna Brady, Hermania Hernandez, Mrs. M. L. Baldwin, Mrs. F. G. Lowrey, Sadie Ryan, Adelaide Hernandez, Lottie H. Smith, H. A. Wheeler, William J. Cleveland, Minnie Merlo, Louisa de Aguiar, Mrs. Diego de Locarras, F. A. Fuentes, J. B. Chausseaud, F. R. Gouge, W. Ramirez, Sylvia Rafter, Louise Font, Stephen Silwell, Edward Kikpatrick, Thomas Reynolds, J. Ben, Lincoln Bent, Kittie Donnell, Kittie McNally, Catherine McNally, J. W. Moyer, Harry R. Hyman, J. M. Dominguez, John Fay, Dr. G. J. de Quesada, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Miss Ritena Dorley, William N. Tyler, Alma Lucille Hoy, Diego de Socarras, Dr. R. de Socarras, Kittie F. Nolan, Miss Bridie C. Wala, Mrs. Diego de Socarras, M. J. Zuecher and Louise Carlonell.

HOW GARCIA WAS SLAIN.

Famous Cuban Bandit Not Killed in Battle, but Assassinated—His Machete Here.

A man claiming to be one of the few persons alive who know the true story of the death of Manuel Garcia, the noted Cuban bandit, was a visitor yesterday to the Cuban Junta, No. 56 New street. This person is Theodore W. Merriman, a merchant, who has large interests in the province of Havana. He left Cuba about a week ago and came up yesterday by rail from Tampa, Fla.

When he appeared at the office of the Junta he had with him Bandit Garcia's machete, which is said to be one of the finest specimens of that class of weapon in existence. The blade was encased in a rawhide scabbard, with silver mountings. It has a coin silver hilt magnificently carved and surmounted with a figure of the head of a bull. The sides of the hilt are inlaid with rare pieces of turtle shell. Garcia was said to be famous in the use of the machete and his weapon had a greater length than most of those now carried by the Cuban soldiers.

"It was given out," said Mr. Merriman, "that Garcia was killed by the Spanish soldiers in a fight while he was serving under the flag of the insurgents. It may never be known publicly whether Garcia had really given his services to the insurgents, as those who are acquainted with the facts are entitled to secrecy in the matter. I am at liberty to state that he was assassinated by a hired murderer, and not killed in battle, as the Spaniards would make believe."

"Garcia had captured a well-known merchant, and though the reason he demanded was paid, he made further demands and refused to give up the merchant. The captive, being very wealthy, communicated with friends and the latter paid a sum of money to a mulatto to go into Garcia's tent and shoot him. The programme was carried out, and the Spanish soldiers, hearing of the death of a man they feared more than the devil, succeeded in rescuing the merchant."

Mr. Merriman said that Garcia was slain in the eastern end of the province of Havana.

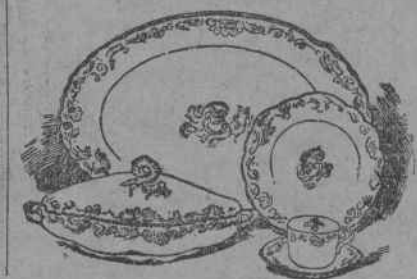
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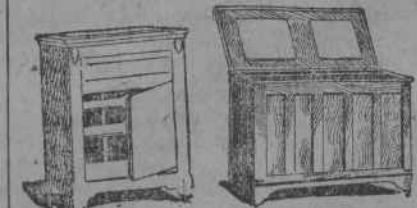
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